I. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims should be entered to replace all prior listings of the claims in this application. In accordance with Rule 121, the status of each claim is indicated parenthetically. Each amendment is believed to have been made in accordance with Rule 121, however, should any unintended informality exist, it is requested that the undersigned be contacted by telephone so that it may be resolved as expediently as possible.

1. (currently amended) A support apparatus comprising:

- at least two item support rails, each supported by at least two rail support legs that are each coupled thereto by a coupler,

wherein each of said at least two rail support legs has a lower end adapted to rest on a lower supporting surface,

wherein at least one of said couplers is a pivot coupler that pivotally couples one of said item support rails to one of said rail support legs, said one of said rail support legs defining a substantially vertical axis, ~~and enables~~

wherein said pivot coupler comprises first and second compression elements compressed towards each other in an oppositely facing orientation, with at least one compression enhancement element, and around a rail terminus of said one of said item support rails and a portion of said one of said rail support legs,

wherein said pivot coupler enables rotatable motion of said item support rail ~~about a~~ about said substantially vertical axis, ~~vertical axis, and~~

wherein said pivot coupler enables substantially purely vertical translatory height adjustment of said one of said item support rails relative to said one of said rail support legs to which it is pivotally coupled,

wherein said rail terminus defines a rail terminus interface, and

wherein said pivot coupler establishes at least one cable port and a cable channel that at least partially directs a cable ~~passes through at least a portion of at least one of said at least two item support rails.~~ from externally of said pivot coupler and said one of said rail support legs, through one of said at least one cable port, through at least a portion of said cable channel, through said rail terminus interface and internally through at least a portion of said one of said item support rails.

2. (original) A support apparatus as described in claim 1 wherein said at least two rail support legs are at least two of at least three rail support legs,

3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) A support apparatus as described in ~~claim 3~~ claim 1 wherein said at least one cable port has a diameter that is less than the diameter of any cable end connectors attached to said cable.

5. (currently amended) A support apparatus as described in ~~claim 3~~ claim 1 wherein said at least one cable port comprises a first and a second cable port.

6. (original) A support apparatus as described in claim 5 wherein said first cable port is an upper cable port.

7. (original) A support apparatus as described in claim 5 wherein said second cable port is a lower cable port.

8. (previously presented) A support apparatus as described in claim 5 wherein each said cable port is sized to accommodate only one cable.

9. (canceled)

10. (original) A support apparatus as described in claim 1 wherein at least one of said at least two item support rails is a non-horizontal item support rail.

11. (original) A support apparatus as described in claim 1 wherein said support apparatus is collapsible.

12. (canceled)

13. (currently amended) A support apparatus comprising:

- at least two item support rails, each supported by at least two rail support legs;

- at least two pivot couplers, each ~~coupler~~ coupling one of said item support rails to one of said rail support legs ~~at an angle other than 90 degrees~~ , each said rail support legs defining a substantially vertical axis about which one of said pivot couplers is rotatable;

wherein each of said at least two rail support legs has a lower end adapted to rest on a lower supporting surface,

wherein said pivot couplers are height adjust couplers that enable substantially purely vertical, translatory height adjustment of an item support rail coupled ~~thereby, and~~ thereby,

wherein at least a portion of each of said at least two item support rails is sized to accommodate passage of ~~a cable~~ two cables,

wherein at least one of said pivot couplers establishes ~~a cable port~~ two cable ports and a cable channel between said two cable ports, each said cable port sized to accommodate ~~said cable~~ one of said cables, and

wherein ~~said cable~~ each of said cables passes from externally of said one of said rail support legs, through at least a portion of said cable channel, through one of said ~~cable port~~ cable ports to internally of said one of said item support rails.

14. (original) A support apparatus as described in claim 13 wherein said at least two rail support legs are at least two of at least three rail support legs.

Claims 15-16 (canceled)

17. (currently amended) A support apparatus as described in claim 13 wherein each of said ~~first cable port~~ cable ports has a diameter that is less than the diameter ~~of any~~ of a cable end connector~~s attached to said cable~~.

18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) A support apparatus as described in ~~claim 18~~ claim 13 wherein ~~said first cable port~~ one of said cable ports is an upper cable port and the other of said cable ports is a lower cable port.

20. (canceled)

21. (canceled)

22. (currently amended) A support apparatus as described in claim 13 wherein ~~at least~~ said one of said ~~at least two~~ item support rails is a non-horizontal item support rail.

23. (original) A support apparatus as described in claim 13 wherein said support apparatus is collapsible.

Claims 24-48 (canceled)

49. (canceled)

50. (newly added) A support apparatus as described in claim 1 wherein, during said rotatable motion of said item support rail about said substantially vertical axis defined by said one of said rail support legs, said pivot coupler also rotates about said substantially vertical axis.

51. (newly added) A support apparatus as described in claim 1 wherein said first and second compression elements is installed around said rail terminus and said portion of said one of said rail support legs, and wherein said cable enters said one of said item support rails

without pre-drilling of either of said one of said item support rails or said portion of said one of said rail support legs.

52. (newly added) A support apparatus as described in claim 13 wherein said pivot couplers can each be installed so as to couple a respective said one of said item support rails to a respective said one of said rail support legs without pre-drilling of either of said respective support rail or respective rail support leg and wherein said each of said cables passes from externally of said one of said rail support legs to internally of said one of said item support rails without passing through a drilled hole in said one of said item support rails.

53. (newly added) A support apparatus as described in claim 13 wherein said pivot couplers are installable around a respective said one of said item support rails and said one of said rail support legs without drilling.

54. (newly added) A support apparatus as described in claim 13 wherein each of said item support rails coupled to coupled to said one of said rail support legs by one of said pivot couplers is rotatable about said substantially vertical axis.